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NOVEMBER SUNDAY SERVICES

Morning Reflection - 10 a.m. Social Time-10:30 a.m. Services - 11:00 a.m.

Worship Notes

By Holley Ulbrich

November is blessed with five Sundays. We begin November, as always, with *Remembrance Sunday*, which actually falls on All Saints' Day (November 1st) this year. Cynthia will be back in the pulpit after her trip to Maine on November 8th, with *This I Don't Believe*. *The Not Eve Stevens service*, *The Scientific Search for the Soul* (delivered by Cindy Lee and Kathy Crain), is on November 15th, which will also feature a flute and clarinet duet. On November 22nd, Cecil Huey and friends will lead a service called *Crash of Cultures*, based on the book *1491*. November 29th is our annual Thanksgiving service with Cynthia, including communion.

Ralph Stutzman will lead morning reflection on November 1st. His topic is "For God So Loved the World." Anna Forbis will be in the pulpit for morning reflection on November 8th. Jeanne Malmgren will lead our almost-monthly Buddhist meditation at 10 a.m. on November 15th. Cynthia will do morning reflection on November 22nd, and November 29th is still to be scheduled.

The Worship Committee has begun a series of Workshops on Worship led by Cynthia to look for ways to improve and revitalize our services. We are always seeking feedback, suggestions, service ideas, and, of course, service coordinators and members of the committee! Our normal meeting time is the first Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m., right after choir practice, but because of the workshop series, we will not meet in November.

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All Souls - Remembrance Sunday

Remembering family, friends and community members who have died in the preceding year.

Worship Committee - Holley Ulbrich & Kathryn Smith

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This I Don't Believe

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

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The Not Eve Stevens Service, The Scientific Search for the Soul

Cindy Lee & Kathy Crain

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Crash of Cultures: Based on the book *1491 Cecil Huey & Friends*

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Thanksgiving Service

Reverend Cynthia Prescott

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We are thankful for and welcome new ideas, opinions, poems, inspiring quotations, photos, and of course UU-related news. Thank you readers, also!

For Thinking Out Loud, Reverend Cynthia Prescott's monthly column, *usually seen here on Page 2*, returns next month. (Welcome back from Maine, Rev. Cynthia!)

Memorable Service Kudos

On October 25th the UUFC MAGICK (teens) with Cindy Burke & Jeff Godwin, entertained us with a Readers' Theater presentation celebrating Halloween. They dressed in costumes for the occasion too. The service continued with Christine Prado (& two of "The MAGICK," Hayden & Emmet) reading & reminding us about Samhain, the Celtic, Pagan festival origins of the Halloween holiday.

Many thanks should be expressed to Kyle Rusnak and Caitlin Bellinger, who spent their Oct. 24th - 25th Saturday night through Sunday morning at the UUFC with our teens in a "Lock-In." The Lock-In was apparently a great success. Participant Hayden reported, "It was Beast!"

Highlights in this issue are on every page! Of special note are some photographs from three separate UUFC-related events. Seek and ye shall find!

Keeping our community in our hearts & minds

Our condolences to member Pam Melton, whose mother Jeanette Lyles Melton, died October 11, 2009.

To all the others in our midst with losses, health *and other* challenges, we send group-healing-good-vibes.



The HUULA's (Hiking UU Ladies) at the trailhead of their first hike.
(Submitted by fellow hikerand photographer... Nancy Oppenheimer)

THE VIEW FROM HERE

Martha Alexander, UUFC Board President

Can You Hear Me Now?

Often I leave services on Sunday wondering what was said. Although I have joked that you must speak so Albert and I can hear, it is not just the two of us. On my way out I frequently ask young folks what someone said, or I ask Alex on the way home – he claims to hear better – and both the young folks and Alex tell me they couldn't understand either. Some folks do not enunciate clearly, trail off at the end of sentences, talk too fast, make asides away from the microphone, use the microphone as if leading the band, and/or announce they don't need a mike because they are loud. Once at CU-ICAR, a man made this declaration prior to his talk, of which I understood little. Afterwards I went up to him and said, "You are right. You don't need the microphone to hear, however, remember there may be folks in the audience who do need for you to use the microphone so **we** can hear."

Here are my recommendations for speaking so all can understand:

1. Speak slowly.
2. Enunciate clearly.

Speak into the top of the microphone. Pretend it is an ice cream cone and hold it straight out from your mouth, parallel to your nose.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UUFC Board Meeting, 7 pm, Thursday, December 3, 2009, Social Room

UUFC Congregational Meeting, 12:20 pm, Sunday, December 13, 2009, Sanctuary

CHALICE LIGHTERS

Call #150 has arrived from the Thomas Jefferson (soon to be Toward Justice) District Chalice Lighter Program. This call has been awarded to Aiken Unitarian Universalist Church, Aiken, SC to meet their goal of hiring a part-time minister. Half of call #149 also was awarded to a sister/brother SC church, All Souls Waccamaw UU in Myrtle Beach. For call #149, 37 UUFC members and friends or 28% participated. Three of those who participated have moved away but wish to continue donating with us. Six of our members who are on our Chalice Lighter list of record did not. Please let the TJ District know if you wish to be added or taken off the list. If you know you are on the list and do not receive calls, please let the district or me know. You may become a Chalice Lighter by going to www.tjdistrict.org/TJDChaliceLighterProgram or by filling out a tri-fold found in the rack in our entry way. The program asks for a minimum of \$15.00 per call. There will only be three calls per year. In order to apply for a Chalice Lighter grant, a congregation must have 20% member/friend participation and pay fair share to UUA and TJD.

I wish to thank all who have been so generous over the years.

Martha Alexander

UUFC Chalice Lighter Coordinator



Like Shakespeare's weird sisters in *Macbeth*, Carol Ward, Christine Prado, and Anita Stutzman brewed up some tasty Halloween toil and trouble at the recent Potluck (Sunday, October 25). Many of us UU's ate the delicious treats after the service.

Boo to the UU-Who's on Halloween!

Submitted by Carol Ward (Mystery photographer to be credited & thanked next month!)



An Auction Item at the Park

By Kathy Crain

The seemingly-annual campout auction item was as expected: the blue clear sky was part of a gloriously beautiful day~ on the morning we packed up to leave! Otherwise, we enjoyed our often-stormy together time at Jones Gap State Park under a tarp shelter by a roaring campfire. We have come to expect our UUFC campouts to have rain on the agenda, and, somehow, it is always OK!

We ate our chili supper under that tarp by the fire; then we went on to the Contra Dance where you can see Jan Lay showing us the steps! And then you can appreciate how Meg MacArthur uses this auction time to prepare for next month's craft fair as she knits a warm and lovely hat for purchase there.

It was good fellowship with the folks who stayed throughout the weekend, and with those who stopped by for different parts of the activities. We returned home to enjoy the beginning of the National Parks Ken Burns PBS series, and all was good.



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The Event Auction Sing-a-long, held on the evening of October 30th, was attended by about 12 of us. It was a perfect excuse or opportunity (*however you view that*) to "come out of the shower" and sing out loud with others! Thanks to Elaine Frendendall and Holley Ulbrich for hosting. And kudos to Paula Heusinkveld, as well as Elaine and a guest pianist, for accompanying us on many of the songs (*a wide variety of "American-songbook" favorites & a few hymns.*)  
*Apologies from the Editor: The "mystery pianist," a colleague of Holley's from Strom Thurmond Institute, will be correctly identified & acknowledged next month!*  
- H. Campbell -  
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Fundraising By Holley Ulbrich

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR is coming! We will be set up in the Social Room on November 14th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Peace church is joining us in this endeavor. We have a number of commitments already and a diverse offering of knitted items, quilted items, jewelry, framed pictures, books by UUFC authors, CDs by Carla Ulbrich, soaps, painted children's furniture, baked goods, and Christmas ornaments. We need to know if you plan to participate (donating 25% to 100% of the proceeds to UUFC), so please pick up a vendor form in the atrium or from the office or by emailing Holley Ulbrich (holleyu@nctv.com). We could also use help setting up Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Finally, we will have an artificial tree with good, gently used ornaments for sale. So comb through your ornaments and see what you might add to the tree for someone else to enjoy. There will be a box in the atrium to collect the ornaments.

Thanks to everyone for making our nine events in the fall event auction successful! We still have a few slots for high tea on January 23rd if anyone is interested. When all the checks are turned in, we expect to have raised about \$1300. If you have not yet paid, be sure to get your check in (write Event Auction on the comment line). The next auction will be in March, so start thinking about what you might contribute. We are also looking for members of the Ways and Means Committee, which meets three times a year, and take on a co-chair responsibility in one of the three areas--auctions (twice a year), yard sales (twice a year), and Holiday Bazaar in November. If you think you could take on such a shared responsibility, please speak to John Kenelly or Holley Ulbrich.

Trading Post for November has been switched from the usual date, the 8th (2nd Sunday) to the 15th. That's your chance to buy BiLo cards, used books, Fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate, and some of the new UUFC U Who? T shirts that come in black, red and green. Mark your calendars and bring your checkbook.

Miscellaneous Happenings to Note!

The next BUILDING & GROUNDS WORK-DAY will be SATURDAY, November 14. Lunch will be provided. Look forward to working with you! - Meg Williamson -

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT UUFC - Thursday, November 26, at 1:00 p.m. Looking for company? Don't want to fix a big Thanksgiving dinner? Don't want to eat at a restaurant? Then join your fellow UUFC members and friends for Thanksgiving dinner. Turkey, dressing, bread and hot beverages will be provided. We just ask that by Sunday, November 22, if possible, you sign up on the poster in the atrium letting us know how many you are bringing and what you plan to bring (double the recipe or bring two items). Also please let us know of any changes. If you want wine or beer, please bring your own. If you have any questions, contact Betsy Lawson at 654-9109 or betsyl12@yahoo.com.



Outreach Committee Kathryn Smith

There's a lot going on with Outreach from UUFC in November. Pick your passion and join up!

Nov. 1: **Green Sanctuary** begins weekly discussions on six consecutive Sundays at 9 a.m. of "The Transition Handbook" by Rob Hopkins, which describes a British grassroots movement in small towns to prepare for climate change. Karel Keel will lead the discussion in the back RE room. Sign up in the atrium or be emailing Karel at karel@bellsouth.net.

Nov. 8: Because of conflicts with the stewardship campaign and other events, our **Oct. 4th - Sunday Benevolence** will be held today. Undesignated money in the collection baskets goes to various UUA causes that the Rev. Cynthia Prescott will discuss in her pulpit editorial.

Nov. 12: The annual **Ministers' Cookoff** to benefit Safe Harbor will be held 5:30-7 p.m. at Daniel High School. Our own Julia Child of the pulpit, Cynthia, will be dishing up a locavore specialty to carry our message of ethical eating into the community. Cynthia needs help serving! Please see her if you would like to assist.

Nov. 15: Stop by the **Advocacy Table** during Trading Post and pick up information on reproductive rights.

Nov. 29: **Fourth Sunday Benevolence** (it's actually the 5th Sunday of November, but who's counting?) will go to Our Daily Bread and for Bi-lo cards for Cynthia to distribute to the needy in the coming weeks. Funds will be divided 50-50. (Looking ahead, the December benevolence collection on Dec. 20 will go to Our Daily Rest, a homeless shelter in Seneca, and the Bi-lo Cards)

The Green Sanctuary Notice

The Green Sanctuary Committee is looking for new members to help us as we work to preserve the environment for all living things. Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 5:30 at Founders House.

- Submitted by Karel Keel -

More Outreach

MELLIE WARNER, Ministers' Cook-off Publicity Chair, 654-5080:

Bring your appetite to the Daniel High School Cafeteria on November 12 (5:30-7:00 p.m.) and join your neighbors for the 7th Annual Ministers' Cook-off. Area ministers will be showing off their culinary skills in support of Safe Harbor II. Taste tickets at \$1.00 each will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance in lots of ten from members of the Cook-off Committee. [If you aren't able to attend but would like to support the event, we'll be happy to accept a contribution.] Safe Harbor II is an emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence who live in Pickens, Oconee and Anderson counties. Services provided include emergency housing, meals, counseling, clothing, parenting classes, and referrals to other support groups. When clients leave the shelter, Safe Harbor II helps furnish housing needs and basic clothing.

CLEMSON AREA CONGREGATIONS IN TOUCH: Help Safe Harbor II women's shelter without spending an additional cent. Bloom grocery stores are having a Happy Point promotion that offers Cuisinart small kitchen appliances. For each \$10 you spend at Bloom, you get a Happy Point. The points are collected on cards and exchanged for toasters, coffeemakers, etc. Please join with the other area churches in this effort. The promotion began on Wednesday, October 7th and runs until Tuesday, February 2nd. There is a box on the table across from the library for depositing your cards and points.

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Monthly Board & Committee Meetings

Covenant Groups: We have 6 on-going Covenant Groups. Please inquire at the office if you are interested.

UUFC Board, Committee, and other Business Meetings

Outreach Committee, 1st Thursday, 6:00 pm,
Library

Membership Committee, 4th Wednesday, 5:30pm

RE Committee Meeting, 3rd Tuesday, Noon,
Founders House

Board Meetings, Second Wednesdays 7:00 pm, Social Room

Finance Committee, 1st Wednesday 6:30 pm,
Library

Green Sanctuary, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm,
Founders House

COSMOS, 3rd Thursday, 4:45 pm,
Founders House

Staff Meeting, 3rd Wednesday, Founders House

Miscellaneous Monthly Events

Clemson Community Care Food Collection,
1st Sunday, Main Building

Trading Post, 2nd Sunday usually, this time
3rd Sunday, Nov. 15, Social Room

Benevolence Offertory, 4th Sunday, Sanctuary
(but this month it is the 5th Sunday!)

UUFC Women's Salad Supper Group,
4th Wednesday, 6:30 pm, Founders House

Novel Circle, 1st Wednesday, 7:30 pm,
Founders House (Nov. 4th Discussion: "People of
the Wolf" by W. Michael Gear and Kathleen O'Neal
Gear.) All are welcome!

Literary League, For people who love words.
3rd Tuesday, 5 pm, (call Bonnie Worthen for
details. 646-3319) Bring an appetite to become
real wordsmiths!) Founders House

Fourth Sunday Food for Thought: Pot luck
lunch & discussion on UUA-relevant topic.
Main Building Social Room

Miscellaneous Weekly Events

Course in Miracles - Saturday, 10 am - Library

Choir Practice* Thursdays, 5:30pm. - Sanctuary

Lay Led Meditation - Saturday mornings, 9 - 10
am - UUFC Sanctuary. If questions, please call
or email Marty Bynum at 654-5440.

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Newsletter Deadline for the December issue is November 20th. Please send articles, letters, announcements and other submissions to **heidisong@nctv.com**.

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- the inherent dignity and worth of all people
- justice, equity and compassion in human relations
- a free and responsible search for truth and meaning
- the right of conscience and use of the democratic process
- a goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all
- acceptance of one another and encouragement of spiritual growth
- respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.